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8 October 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, EUR Division

SUBJECT : The EUR Division Historical Program

REFERENCE : DDP Memo of 28 September 1971,  
CS Historical Program

1. From the latest quarterly report it appears that several projected EUR histories will not be in publishable form by the target date of 31 December 1971. The EUR Division history is apparently the only one which has not been started; considerable work has been done on the rest, in some cases complete initial drafts. The delays involved in reviewing, editing and revising these drafts, however, are unpredictable and in some instances are quite protracted. Attached for your information are lists of the 23 published EUR histories and the nine which are still projected.

2. The CS Historical Board is now formulating the continuing CS historical program. Your views as to which histories in the current program should be carried over into the ensuing period would be most useful to our planning. Presumably you will wish at least to finish drafts that are near completion.

3. We would also like to have your recommendations for any new titles which should be entered into the new historical program. These need not and should not be confined to station and organizational histories. You may wish to consider papers which cut across station and division lines. A detailed examination of CIA's role in Eastern Europe during the 1955-57 period might, for example, be worth writing up.

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4. Will any of your published station histories need up-dating during the next two years?

5. Reduced personnel ceilings will, of course, limit progress in the historical program in the months ahead. We may, however, be able to engage a limited number of qualified annuitants as writers. We would welcome any nominations you may have for writers of EUR, or CS history generally. In this connection, we would also like your estimate of the relative importance and priority of your remaining and planned histories in order that we may properly allocate available writers.

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Executive Secretary  
CS Historical Board

Attachment:

Lists of histories, as stated

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